

8th December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Scarlet Fever and Group A Streptococcus

As you may be aware, the latest data from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) shows that Scarlet Fever and Group A Streptococcus cases continue to remain higher than typically seen at this time of year. A guidance letter and list of resources from the UKHSA can be found [here](#).

We would ask parents/ carers to be aware of the following symptoms;

- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fever
- A fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel

If your child displays any of these symptoms or you are concerned, please contact 111 or your GP. Scarlet fever is very easily spread therefore it is best to check with your GP before you go in as they may suggest a phone consultation. If your child has scarlet fever, the advice is that they stay at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

If your child is unwell, you have a legal requirement to inform school on each day of absence. Please call the school's absence line on 0191 4960026 by 9am on each day of absence to speak to a member of staff or to leave a message clearly stating the reason for absence.

You can also report your child's absence using ClassCharts. Under the announcement tab, you will find a link to a Google form where you can also add any supporting medical evidence.

In school we will ensure good hand hygiene continues and hand sanitising stations will be used in classrooms for the remainder of the term.

Yours sincerely



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